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SUBJECT: MRS. ALLENDE VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

- 1. AT INVITATION OF SWISS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP), MRS.HORTENSIA ALLENDE IS CURRENTLY VISITING SWITZERLAND AND GIVING BRIEF TALKS AND HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCES ON CHILEAN SITUATION IN GENEVA, ZURICH AND PORRENTRUY.
- 2. AT END OF LAST WEEK, MRS. ALLENDE ALSO VISITED BERN FOR LUNCH WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY NUMEROUS SDP FUNCTION-ARIES. SWISS TRADE UNION FEDERATION PRESIDENT CANONICA, AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR FRANCOIS DE ZIEGLER, CHIEF OF SECRETARIAT IN FPD. ON THIS OCCASION MRS. ALLENDE RAILED AGAINST NORTH AMERICAN "IMPERIALISM", BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC CHARGES.
- 3. WE QUESTIONED FPD ABOUT DE ZIEGLER'S ATTENDANCE.
 FONMIN GRABER AND DE ZIEGLER OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED BY
 THE ENSUING PUBLICITY. SDP HAD WANTED GRABER (A SOCIALIST) TO ATTEND LUNCH WITH MRS. ALLENDE; HE DECLINED BUT
 SENT DE ZIEGLER, IN A "PRIVATE CAPACITY". MRS. ALLENDE WAS SAID
 TO BE ANNOYED TVAT GRABER HAD NOT ATTENDED LUNCH SINCE KREISKY
 AND PALME HAD RECEIVED HER ON STOPS IN VIENNA AND STOCKHOLM.
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4. FPD AT PAINS TO PLAY DOWN THE WHOLE INCIDENT, STRESSING THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN ITS POLICY TOWARD CHILE. AS PROOF, FPD OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT SWISS AMBASSADOR IN SANTIAGO HAD RECENTLY ATTENDED GOC'S ACCOUNTING OF ITS STEWARDSHIP, WHILE THE SCANDINAVIANS AND OTHERS HAD BOYCOTTED IT. ODELL

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